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Annapolis Conservancy Board

May 9, 2013

The Annapolis Conservancy Board (ACB) of the City of Annapolis held its regular meeting on May 9, 2013, at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center. **Chair** Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Present: **Chair** Jennings, Clift, Lippert, Fogle, Chapman

Absent: **Vice Chair** Dunn, Baldwin

Staff: Savidge-Board Liaison

Journal of Proceedings:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Chapman submitted written revisions to the March 13, 2013 minutes and moved approval based on their acceptance. Mr. Lippert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2013 Easement Inspections

Chair Jennings explained that the ACB at its March meeting decided to tour the specific easement locations as a group. She and Mr. Savidge were tasked with determining a suitable date so have come up with Sunday, June 2, 2013 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and will tour the same easement sites that have been visited as a group in past years. These sites were Vytar, Baywoods, Harborview, South Cherry Grove, Village Greens, and Harness Creek. Mr. Fogle, Mr. Chapman, and Ms. Clift were amenable to the date. Mr. Savidge will check with Mr. Baldwin and **Vice Chair** Dunn to determine if the date works for their calendars. Mr. Savidge provided the inspection packets for the remaining easements to each member that committed to inspecting them last year.

B. Legal Issues

The ACB requested bi-weekly updates from Mr. Savidge and the City Attorney on the following projects.

1. Pedestrian/Bike Access at Post Haste

Mr. Savidge and Mr. Elson composed an email and sent it to Administration regarding this project. There was a number of administration staff that responded offering their support. He indicated that the Mayor has put funding in the Capital Improvement Program budget for the Trail Connections projects. Mr. Elson has drafted an agreement to be distributed to the Administration for review and then it will be forwarded to the Post Haste group for approval.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with County regarding Open Space Money

There has not been much movement on this agenda item because Mr. Elson has to contact Ms. Plumer regarding the status. Mr. Savidge will follow up with Mr. Elson and report at the ACB's July meeting.

3. MET Cooperative Agreement

Mr. Savidge reported that the agreement has been distributed to the MET Land Trust Coordinator for review who in turn forwarded it to their Law Office for review.

4. Schubert Property

Mr. Savidge reported that Mr. Elson has drafted the deed language and sent it to the property owner's attorney to review.

C. Dominoe Road Potential Easement tour

Mr. Savidge spoke with Mr. Elson regarding this potential easement and the project is currently on hold.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Review of Minutes of Other Environmental Boards

Ms. Hook agreed to send the minutes of the other boards/commissions out via email.

B. City Legislative Update

Mr. Savidge reported that the Council legislation agenda included legislation on the Forest Conservation Act introduced by Alderman Littman. He was asked by **Vice Chair** Dunn to review the budget to see if there were any projects of concern to ACB. He noted that there are three projects in the Capital Improvement Program, Trail Connections-\$2.6M, Kingsport Park-\$172,000 and Stream Restoration-\$406,000. **Chair** Jennings asked whether stream restoration projects that are not on City property are required to include an easement.

C. Green Infrastructure Update

The ACB deferred discussion on this agenda item to its July meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Chair Elections

Mr. Lippert moved to continue with the current officers until the January 2014 meeting to be consistent with the other City Boards and Commission. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 4-0. (**Chair** Jennings abstained from the vote)

B. Board Enhancements and Targets

Mr. Savidge indicated noted that Ms. Broadbent asked if the ACB had any goals or targets that it would like to pursue or consider. **Chair** Jennings believes that the ACB should have a better idea of its easement locations. Other goals or targets discussed were ensuring that there are copies of each deed of easement clean up the GIS layers, increase the visibility of the ACB, update the ACB's pamphlet; include a map of the GreenScape projects on the City's website; and include a map of where rain barrels/rain gardens are located.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Mr. Lippert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013 at 5:30pm at Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

Tami Hook, Recording Secretary